

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect one (1) sequence from SEQ ID Nos. 1 and 3 for further examination.

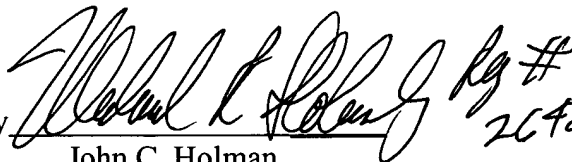
Pursuant to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects the invention drawn to an isolated nucleic acid encoding a protein with the activity of an annexin or encoding a fragment of such a protein with biological activity, said nucleic acid having the sequence of SEQ ID No. 1 encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID No. 2, operably-linked to promoters, terminators, and signals for polyadenylation; vectors, host cells, and transgenic plants thereof, for further examination **without traverse**.

In addition, Claims 1, 9 and 10 have been amended to define the elected invention. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment is sufficiently supported by the specification and no new matter has been introduced by the amendment.

An action on the merits of all of the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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